

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Avery would move to amend. (Avery amendment, FA42, appears on page 1131 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam Chair, members, I believe we have it worked out. My amendment, if you look at, I don't know if we have an original yet. If you look at the original amendment that I had, would insert advisory, on line 3, and also insert the committee shall, I didn't have that with me, but shall advise the Department of Agriculture in the promulgation and adoption of the rules and regulations, as necessary for the enforcement of the act. And it does make an advisory...the Department of Agriculture will consider the recommendations of the Advisory Committee in establishing its rules and regulations. Also, some concern, again, was brought up that the chairman of the committee is, as on page 4 of the original bill, will be designated as the director of agriculture. Thank you. If there's any questions, I'll try to answer them.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Elmer, did you wish to speak to this amendment?

SENATOR ELMER: Madam President, just briefly. I think that this amendment does underline the fact that we want to have more than just perfunctory endorsement from the various departments involved in this, and that it does put a little more emphasis on the cooperative nature that this should be. And I would support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I appreciate Senator Avery bringing this amendment. I think he helps me quite a bit in my comfort level on this bill. And though the other agencies of state government who will be a part...take part in the rule and regulation making, under this statute, is an advisory role only, that can be a very healthy process. And I was sort of looking for a way to understand how these protections are going to be built into the bill. And though it's not everything that some senators and maybe myself would like to see in the bill, I think Senator Avery has struck a good